

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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*Whereas, Jeff Watson, Bedford native and Spencer resident, has spent the last 23 1/2 years raising and interacting with bears while educating the public on conservation and proper bear etiquette for those hunting, hiking, fishing, and recreating in bear country through his company with J & L Bruins;*

*Whereas, J&L Bruins currently has four full grown brown bears and has traveled the county talking to millions of people about bears and bear behavior;*

*Whereas, J&L Bruins has always placed a high priority on bear safety education, bear habitat, and bear disposition and has always made this a part of their mission;*

*Whereas, Brody the Bear, a 1400 pound Alaskan brown bear, is one of Jeff's bears that has been in or on countless news programs, entertainment programs, and international magazines, including: the cover of National Geographic Magazine, July 2001; The Tonight Show, on NBC; The Today Show, also on NBC; Good Morning America, on ABC; Walker,*

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*Texas Ranger, on CBS; The Jeff Corwin Experience, on Animal Planet; Amazing Animal Videos, also on Animal Planet; P.T. Barnum, on A&E, and Motion Picture Grizzly Park;*

*Whereas, J&L Bruins has brought film, media, and conservation crews from Great Britain, Tokyo, Los Angeles, New York, and every place in between to see their bears, thus generating thousands of dollars of revenue for Indiana businesses;*

*Whereas, J&L is a lawfully USDA licensed entity and has an exceptional track record of providing the appropriate care for their animals as required by the Animal Welfare Act: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate acknowledges and
- 2 commends Jeff Watson and J&L Bruins for their achievements, efforts,
- 3 and the economic development they have brought to the state.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Jeff Watson.

